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It is my opinion that utilities regulation is an essential protection our government must provide to ensure the health and happiness of all Americans.

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

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From: Karre, Meredith
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Subject: Local Telephone Competition: Unbundling the FCC's Rules

Since this is to be voted on at the FCC on Thursday, we thought you might find this of interest. For further questions, please feel free to contact James Gattuso at (202) 608-6244.

Local Telephone Competition:
Unbundling the FCC's Rules

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to vote this week on new rules governing competition for local telephone service. To the average consumer, the debate on this issue probably seems obscure, but the consequences of this decision may determine not just the future of competition in this market, but prospects for new technology and for the U.S. economy as a whole. The issue presents a stark choice between two very different visions of competitive markets. The first, embodied in the current Clinton-era rules, relies on regulations to require incumbent providers to share parts of their network with potential competitors. The second approach would encourage the development of competing networks with a minimum of regulation. Despite loud protests by many firms that now benefit from the current, regulation-based policies, the second path offers consumers better prospects for real choice and greater availability of advanced telecommunications services.

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